IN THE CLAIMS:

 (Currently Amended): A method for remotely storing data, comprising: opening a first data item in an application on a first client device; loading a set of preferences for a user;

in response to an action from a user, storing at least a portion of the first data item in a predetermined storage location on the first client device <u>based on the set of preferences</u>; and

in response to a synchronization condition, automatically synchronizing contents of the predetermined location with a remote storage location.

- (Original): The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 adding a remote save button to an interface of the application.
- 3. (Original): The method of claim 2, wherein the action comprises selection of the remote save button.
- 4. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the predetermined storage location comprises a predetermined directory or folder.
- 5. (Canceled)
- 6. (Canceled)
- 7. (Currently Amended): The method of claim [[5]] 1, wherein the remote storage location is identified in the set of preferences.
- 8. (Currently Amended): The method of claim [[5]] 1, wherein the set of preferences is one of a plurality of sets of preferences in a multi-user environment.

- 9. (Original): The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - identifying a selected portion of the first data item,
- wherein the step of storing comprises creating a second data item comprising the selected portion, and storing the second data item in the predetermined storage location.
- 10. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the synchronization condition comprises selection of a synchronization button.
- 11. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the synchronization condition comprises expiration of predetermined time period.
- 12. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the remote storage location comprises a server device.
- 13. (Original): The method of 12, wherein the server device comprises one of a network file server and a Web server.
- 14. (Original): The method of claim 12, further comprising: requesting, at a second client device, access to the server device; and in response to receiving permission from the server device, accessing, at the second client device, data items stored in the remote storage location.
- 15. (Original): The method of claim 14, wherein the step of requesting access to the server device comprises sending authentication information from the second client device to the server device.
- 16. (Original): The method of claim 15, wherein the authentication information comprises a username and a password.
- 17. (Currently Amended): An apparatus for remotely storing data, comprising: means for opening a first data item in an application on a first client device;

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means for loading a set of preferences for a user;

means for storing at least a portion of the first data item in a predetermined storage location on the first client device in response to an action from a user based on the set of preferences; and

means for automatically synchronizing contents of the predetermined location with a remote storage location in response to a synchronization condition.

- 18. (Original): The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the remote storage location comprises a server device.
- 19. (Original): The apparatus of claim 18, further comprising: means for requesting, at a second client device, access to the server device; and means for accessing, at the second client device, data items stored in the remote storage location in response to receiving permission from the server device.
- 20. (Currently Amended): A computer program product, in a computer readable medium, for remotely storing data, comprising:

instructions for opening a first data item in an application on a first client device; instructions for loading a set of preferences for a user;

instructions for storing at least a portion of the first data item in a predetermined storage location on the first client device in response to an action from a user <u>based on the set of preferences</u>; and

instructions for automatically synchronizing contents of the predetermined location with a remote storage location in response to a synchronization condition.